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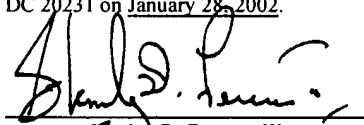
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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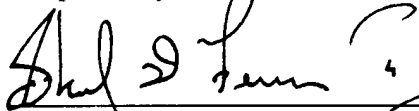
Applicant received a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated December 19, 2001. The Notice required the submission of an Abstract that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).

When this application was filed, Applicant also filed a Preliminary Amendment amending the abstract and claims. Applicant believes the abstract as amended by the Preliminary Amendment fully complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b), and the Notice was issued in error.

An Associate Power of Attorney was filed for this application on January 23, 2002. Please direct all correspondence regarding this application to the address provided.

Copies of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers and Associate Power of Attorney are attached.

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length, commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72(b)).

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